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1. RUTH CONTACTED EMBOFF AT OPENING OF BUSINESS MARCH

22 TO INQUIRE CONCERNING US PRESS GUIDANCE AND LINE WITH OTHER ALLIES CONCERNING WASHINGTON MBFR TRILATERAL TALKS. ON PRESS GUIDANCE, EMBOFF REVIEWED MATERIAL IN REF A, PARAS 2 AND 3. RUTH SAID FRG WOULD TAKE THE SAME LINE AND PARTICULARLY ENDORSED OUR INTENTION NOT TO COMMENT FURTHER ON SUBSTANCE OF DISCUSSIONS. HE EXPRESSED DOUBT, HOWEVER, THAT OTHER ALLIES WOULD DEEM IT "LOGICAL" TO INVITE UK AND FRG REPS TO WASHINGTON FOR TRILATERAL SESSIONS.

2. AS TO CONTACTS WITH OTHER INTERESTED ALLIES, EMBOFF ALSO WENT OVER THE POINTS IN REF B, PARA 2. RUTH SAID THE GERMANS WOULD TAKE A SIMILAR LINE WITH THE OTHER ALLIES BUT EXPRESSED CONCERN OVER THE POSSIBLE IMPLICATIONS FOR ALLIED COHESION IN MBFR. RUTH SAID HE ALREADY HAD RECEIVED CALL FROM FRG MBFR DEL INDICATING CONCERN FOR ALLIED COHESION WITHIN VIENNA AHG. RUTH THOUGHT A GOOD CASE COULD BE MADE FOR REPLACING WORD "FOCUS" WITH WORD "FORUM" IN LAST SENTENCE OF REF B GUIDANCE.

3. IN SEPARATE MESSAGE CONCERNING FRG REACTION TO SUBSTANCE OF WASHINGTON TRILATERALS, WE ARE REPORTING SERIOUS FRG CONCERN THAT NUCLEAR ISSUES BE HANDLED IN A TIMELY AND CAREFUL FASHION WITHIN THE ALLIANCE IN ORDER TO AVOID BURDENING SO FAR EXCELLENT ALLIED COHESION IN VIENNA.

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